the petition filed by the All India Harijan League; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The suggestion for shifting of NDMC Auto Workshop was examined in consultation with NDMC recently. It was seen that shifting of the auto workshop would involve a cost of Rs. 93 lakhs towards construction of buildings besides the cost of alternative land which will be required in a Central locality in order to minimise the load time for vehicles.

In view of the above shifting of the workshop is considered not feasible.

(c) and (d) There is no such direction from the Supreme Court in the said petition. Hence the question of allotment of land to NDMC does not arise.

Shifting of Auto Workshop from Mandir Marg, New Delhi

3666. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the New Delhi Municipal Committee has constructed an Auto Repair Workshop covering the whole front portion of the historical Valmiki Temple at Mandir Marg, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the 20 feet high walls of this Auto Repair Workshop have covered the whole front portion of the temple from the side of Mandir Marg;

(c) whether Mahatma Gandhi used to live in the precincts of this temple amongst the Balmiki community and the place was visited by famous national leaders of the freedom movement for consultations with Gandhiji;

(d) whether workers of the Balmiki community have been struggling hard for the last 40 years for shifting of the Auto Workshop; and

(e) if so, the reasons why the Auto Workshop has not yet been shifted from its present location ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) :

(a) The Auto Workshop has been in existence for over three decades.

(b) A compound wall has been constructed around the Auto Repair Workshop for security reasons.

(c) Government have no specific information about Mahatma Gandhi having lived in the precincts of the Temple. However, he is reported to have stayed in the adjacent Valmiki Colony in this area.

(d) and (e) The All India Harijan League had filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court in 1986 on this matter. However, the Supreme Court did not issue any directions in regard to shifting of the Workhop from the present site, on the said petition.

Beautification and Development of Valmiki Temple Area in Mandir Marg, New Delhi

3667. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that on a petition filed by the All India Harijan League, the Supreme Court of India, in 1987, directed the New Delhi Municipal Committee to stop parking of garbage disposal vehicles in the Auto Repair Workshop constructed by NDMC in front of the historical Valmiki Temple at Mandir Marg, New Delhi;

(b) whether the Supreme Court has also directed the NDMC to take steps for the beautification and development of the temple area till the Auto Workshop was shifted from before the temple;

(c) whether NDMC has taken any steps on the directions of the Supreme Court; and

(d) if so, the steps taken and the progress made thereof ?

THE MINISTER OR URBAN DEVELOPMENT) SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) There was no direction by the Supreme Court in the said petition regarding stopping of parking of garbage disposal vehicles in the Auto Repair Workshop nor in regard to shifting of the Workshop from the present site.

However, the Supreme Court had directed that the N.D.M.C. will take steps to make the place beautiful.

(c) and (d) NDMC have already undertaken to provide a "Parikrama" for the temple at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 lakhs. The garbage collecting lorries and compactors are being parked away from the temple. The environmental sanitation near the temple has been improved.

पत्रकारों के लिए पेंशन योजना

3668. **डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पत्रकारों के लिए पेंशन योजना कब तक घोषित कर दी जाएगी; और

(ख) इस योजना के लिए लाभ प्राप्त करने के लिए सेवानिवृत्त की क्या तारीख निर्दिष्ट की गई है ?

श्रम एवं कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान) : (क) और (ख) उन औद्योगिक कर्मकारों के लिए, (पत्रकारों सहित), जो कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि योजना के अंतर्गत आते हैं, उपयुक्त पेंशन योजना की व्यवस्था करने का प्रस्ताव इस समय कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि के केन्द्रीय न्यासी बोर्ड के विचाराधीन है । इस अवस्था पर यह बताना असामयिक होगा कि किस समय से प्रस्तावित योजना शुरू की जाएगी अथवा किस तारीख से यह लागू होगी ।

Minimum Support Price for Wheat

3669. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are committed to announce the minimum price of wheat for the year 1990-91 before the rabi season begins;

(b) if so, whether the price for the next year would be higher than the price of Rs. 215/- per quintal last year; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) It is the endeavour of the Government to announce the procurement price of wheat for 1990-91 crop before the commencement of the rabi season.

(b) and (c) The Report of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 1990-91 is under consideration of the Government.

Statutory Price of Sugarcane

3670. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of agricultural commodities has gone up during the last six months or so;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the statutory price of sugarcane for the year 1990-91; and

(c) if so, by when the new price would be announced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) Data on cost of production of agricultural commodities for the last six months or so are not available.

(b) and (c) The statutory minimum price for sugarcane for the year 1990-91 would be reviewed while considering the statutory minimum price for the year 1991-92. A decision is likely to be taken by the end of October, 1990.

Ad-hoc Allotoment of Accommodation

3671. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ad-hoc allotment of accommodation were made during 1985-88 to the temporary lady employees working in Northern Railway catering unit in Parliament House complex;